

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

The members present resolved to proceed, by ballot, to the election of a Speaker, (as required by the Constitution,) to preside over the deliberations of the House of Delegates. When,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The roll was called over, and the Door-keeper of the late House of Delegates sent for the absent members. The Door-keeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order, he had notified all the delegates who had qualified as members, to attend the House.

Mr. Buskirk, who had been declared and returned as a delegate duly elected to the General Assembly for Allegany county, as aforesaid, also appeared, and having qualified according to law, before Edward Dubois, esquire, the justice of the peace above named, took his seat as a member of the House of Delegates.

The members present then proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker.

X Francis Thomas, esquire, one of the delegates from Frederick county, and Richard Thomas, esquire, one of the delegates from Saint Mary's county, having been severally nominated for that office, the former by Mr. McMahon, and the latter by Mr. Brawner; and the ballots of the members being collected,

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The ballots were examined and counted by the Chief and Assistant Clerks, *pro tempore*, when it appeared, that of the seventy-eight ballots taken, Mr. Francis Thomas had received thirty-nine votes, Mr. Richard Thomas had received thirty-seven votes, and that there were two blanks ballots. Whereupon,

Mr. Francis Thomas was declared duly elected the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and being conducted by Messrs. Thomas, of Saint Mary's, and Mr. McMahon, to the speaker's chair, he made his acknowledgements to the House, and took his seat accordingly.

Mr. Wright moved that the House do now proceed to the election of a Chief Clerk; when

Mr. Goldsborough offered as a substitute for that motion, the following order:

Ordered, That Gideon Pearce be considered the Chief Clerk, and George G. Brewer the Assistant Clerk, of the House of Delegates during the present session of the Legislature.

Which being twice read, and the question taken on the adoption thereof,